

# **Claudia “Dolly” Powers**

## *Biography*

State Representative Claudia “Dolly” Powers is the highest-ranking member of the Greenwich delegation to the General Assembly.

Representative Powers was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 to represent the 151st District in Greenwich. She was most recently re-elected in November of 2004.

Most recently serving as the House Minority Whip and Vice Chair of the House Republican Bill Review Committee, Rep. Powers was recently reappointed Deputy Minority Leader, the second-highest position in the caucus.

For the 2003-05 term, Rep. Powers was reappointed to the General Assembly’s Judiciary, Regulations Review, Executive and Legislative Nominations committees. She also was appointed to the General Assembly’s Committee on Legislative Management.

Speaker of the House Moira K. Lyons and Minority Leader Robert Ward appointed Rep. Powers to the 10-member Select Committee of Inquiry, Inquiring into the Impeachment of Governor Rowland.

Representative Powers served as Assistant House Minority Leader for the 1997-98 sessions, as Minority Whip for the 1999-2000 and 2001-2002 sessions, and as Deputy Minority Leader since the 2003-2004 session.

Representative Powers formerly served as the senior Republican member of the General Assembly’s Government Administration and Elections Committee and was instrumental in winning passage for the 1998 legislation that bans “soft money” and its corrupting influence from Connecticut’s political campaigns. During the 1998 legislative session, she also served as the Acting Ranking Member of the Human Services Committee, filling in for a colleague who was away from the Capitol to care for a terminally ill family member.

In addition to her many legislative duties, Representative Powers serves on the Governor’s Prevention Partnership, state Birth-To-Three Council, the State Advisory Council on Special Education, the Education Commission of the States, and the Board of Directors for the Lower Fairfield County Regional Action Council. She is a member of the American Legislative Exchange Council and the National Order of Women Legislators.

Locally, Representative Powers served on the Greenwich Representative Town Meeting from 1980 to 1993, was secretary of the Legislative Committee from 1985 to 1986 and from 1988 to 1993; and secretary for the Building Committee from 1981 to 1983.

A member of the Greenwich Republican Town Committee since 1983, Representative Powers served as Republican Town Chairman from 1986 to 1990. She is a member of the Round Table of Greenwich, and Connecticut Republicans for Choice. She is a member and Past President of both the Republican Women's Club of Eastern Greenwich and the Greenwich Women's Republican Club.

Active in community affairs, Representative Powers is a member of the Associate Board, and is a past member of the Board of Directors for the Arch Street Greenwich Teen Center. She is currently on the Board of Trustees of the Norwalk Maritime Aquarium. She has also served on the Cos Cob School Building Committee, the Greenwich League of Women Voters, the Riverside Association, the Board of the Greenwich Council on Youth and Drugs, and as a volunteer with Meals-on-Wheels and the Greenwich Red Cross. She is a member of and Lay Eucharistic Minister at Christ Episcopal Church. She is also a member of its Altar Guild.

Representative Powers is listed in Who's Who Among American Professionals (1992-present), Who's Who Among Women (1994-present) and Who's Who in America (1994-present).

Representative Powers lives in the Riverside section of Greenwich with her four sons: Gregory, Theodore, Matthew and T.J.